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### **Still Potential for Record 2016 Soybean Production**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its crop production report today from the November Agricultural Yield Survey conducted at the beginning of the month. This month’s report continues to show a lower forecast for corn than in the previous month.

“There is still the potential for a record soybean production based on the latest forecast,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “Despite a dry finish to the growing season, farmers are still forecasting a 50 bushel per acre soybean yield. Corn yield on the other hand slid a few more bushels from October’s forecast, and with virtually all of the corn harvested, the production forecast is now below the 2015 crop.”

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 89.5 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast and up 1 percent from 2015. Yield was estimated at 50 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and up 1.0 bushel from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.79 million acres, down 20,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.36 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 11 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 52.5 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last month and up 4.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.0 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 2 percent from 2015.

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 224 million bushels, down 2 percent from the October forecast and down less than 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 159 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month and down 13 bushels from the 2015 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.41 million acres, up 100,000 acres from 2015. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the October forecast and up 12 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 175.3 bushels per acre, up 1.9 bushels from last month and up 6.9 bushels from 2015. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.8 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 8 percent from 2015.

“This is the last crop production report for the 2016 harvest season,” Knopf said. “We’ll conduct one more survey, the December Agriculture Survey that queries 2016 acres planted, acres harvested and yield per acre. The data will be published in the Annual Crop Production Report Jan. 12, 2017.”

These reports can all be found on the NASS Kentucky Field Office’s website [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Kentucky/](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Kentucky/). For more information, call field office at 1-800-928-5277.